

Resolution authorizing a one year contract with Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers to provide pre- and postnatal services (Community Partnerships) (\$200,000)

WHEREAS, Heart of Ohio Family Health Center is a federally qualified health center (FQHC), as defined by Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act and administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, whose purpose is to provide primary health care and related services to the individuals residing in medically underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County's preterm birth rate of 13 percent is almost double the U.S. public health goal of 6.9 percent and higher than Ohio overall, making premature births one of the most serious health care challenges our county is facing; and

WHEREAS, Heart of Ohio is a key provider of health care to the uninsured/underinsured individuals and families, with special emphasis on critical women's health services and support services that enable adults and children to live healthfully; and

WHEREAS, Heart of Ohio operates the Maternal Instance program at its Whitehall Family Health Center, which is designed specifically to reduce infant mortality, low birth weights, and prematurity in infants and to increase access to prenatal care for at-risk women; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to support the CNHC and does so by entering into this agreement as authorized by Section 307.85 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the attached contract with the Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, and the attached purchase order in the amount of \$200,000 that is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, are hereby approved

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cc: Auditor
Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers, Inc.